

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Feigenbaum.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Stoller.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claims 7-13 are objected to and not rejected over the art.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of some claims have been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this indication claims 6 and 7 have been canceled and the features of these claims have been introduced into claim 1. The thusly amended claim 1 should now be in allowable condition since it includes the allowable features of claim 7.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, have been retained with their dependency from claim 1 and claim 8 has been amended to depend on claim 1, while claims 9, 10, 11 depend on claims 8 and 9 correspondingly. These dependent claims share

the allowable features of the amended claim 1 and therefore they should be in allowable condition as well.

Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled and replaced with a new independent claims 14 and 15. Claim 14 combines the features of the original claims 1 and 12, while claim 15 combines the features of the original claims 1 and 13.

Claims 14 and 15 should therefore be in allowable condition.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is believed that all claims currently on file should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should

the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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